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Subject OPA Daily Digest - 7/12/12

## OPA Daily Digest for 7/12/12

### Congressional Inquiries:

**Sen. Claire McCaskill** (Mo.) – Phone inquiry – 7/6/12 – Requests a status update on the West Lake Landfill superfund site. Due: 7/10/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

**Rep. Todd Akin** (Mo.) – Letter – 6/22/12: Questions about the Strecker Farms proposed development. Due: 7/9/12. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

### State Government Inquiries:

None

### Press Inquiries:

**Associated Press** – Maria Sudekum – 7/12/12: Questions about Missouri's list of impaired waters. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

**KBIA Public Radio, Columbia, Mo.** – Jacob Fenston – 6/12/12: Questions about EPA's enforcement history involving Doe Run Resources Corporation and the shutdown of the company's smelter in Herculaneum, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

**IDNR Iowa Outdoors Magazine, Des Moines, Ia.** – Mindy Kralicek – 6/22/12: Questions about the EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training application process. Contact: Belinda Young, 7463 (open)

**St. Louis Post Dispatch** – Jeremy Kohler – 6/26/12: Requesting information on the Carondelet Coke Site in Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

**Warrensburg Daily Star Journal** – Jack Miles – 7/12/12: Questions about Missouri's list of impaired waters. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

### Environmental Stories:

**The New York Times - In Kansas, Stronger Mix of Ethanol** - 7/11/12 - Intended as an additive to gasoline, ethanol in modern times was meant to stretch America's fuel supplies, much as a cook uses chicken stock to increase the volume of a soup. By federal mandate, ethanol makes up about 10 percent of most fuel that motorists buy at the pump.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/12/business/energy-environment/at-kansas-station-e15-fuel-reaches-the-masses.html>

**Salina Journal - Salina to benefit from \$60,000 urban waters grant** – 7/11/12 - A \$60,000 urban waters grant has been given to Kansas State University by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to establish a water quality monitoring and brush clearing program in Salina.

<http://www.salina.com/news/story/K-State-Grant-brief-7-11>

**NPR - How to Make A Ghost Town** - 7/12/12 - When photographer Dina Kantor first drove into the town of Treece, she was amazed by the beautiful mountains. Until she realized: Wait a minute, this is Kansas. And those mountains are not actually mountains. They are piles of "chat," or mineral waste from decades of mining. <http://www.npr.org/blogs/pictureshow/2012/07/12/156627990/how-to-make-a-ghost-town>

**STLtoday.com - Metro East region works to meet national standards for air quality** - 7/12/12 - For more than a dozen years Madison County has received failing grades in air quality from the American Lung Association. The county received an "F" again this year in particle pollution, a solid pollutant much smaller than the width of a human hair that aggravates the lungs and heart. [http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/illinois/news/metro-east-region-works-to-meet-national-standards-for-air/article\\_2086cd54-189d-5d81-8987-d610d0e6abf2.html](http://www.stltoday.com/suburban-journals/illinois/news/metro-east-region-works-to-meet-national-standards-for-air/article_2086cd54-189d-5d81-8987-d610d0e6abf2.html)

**The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa) - Winneshiek County residents sue EPA over livestock confinement emissions** - 7/12/12 - A group of Winneshiek County citizens has asked a federal court to require EPA to regulate emissions from livestock feeding operations. <http://thegazette.com/2012/07/12/winneshiek-county-residents-sue-epa-over-livestock-confinement-emissions/>

**The Gazette - Humane Society files action against hog producers in Iowa** - 7/11/12 - Some of Iowa's hog confinement facilities that emit up to 650 pounds of ammonia daily are violating pollution reporting laws, according to notices filed against several top-producing companies. <http://thegazette.com/2012/07/11/humane-society-files-action-against-hog-producers-in-iowa/>  
Also East Iowa News

**Des Moines Register - Humane Society says it will sue pork producers** – 7/12/12 - The Humane Society of the United States said Wednesday it will sue 51 hog producers in Iowa, North Carolina and Oklahoma for unreported releases of ammonia. Iowa is the nation's largest hog-producing state. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2012/07/12/humane-society-says-it-will-sue-pork-producers/>

**Decorah Journal (Iowa) - Lawsuit filed against EPA to protect health of North Winneshiek students, employees** - 7/12/12 - Attorney Wallace Taylor of Cedar Rapids has filed a lawsuit against EPA on behalf of his clients including parents of children currently attending the North Winneshiek Community School District. <http://www.decorahnewspapers.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=13&ArticleID=28722>

**Pork Network - NPPC responds to HSUS emissions allegations** - 7/11/12 - The National Pork Producers Council is reviewing the allegations made by Humane Society of the United States on Wednesday that some 51 swine facilities associated with six pork production companies had "unreported releases of hazardous pollutant ammonia." It is important to point out that HSUS is not alleging environmental harm but rather paperwork violations of EPA's emissions reporting rule. <http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/NPPC-responds-to-HSUS-emissions-allegations--162132095.html>

**Pork Network - HSUS to sue six pork production companies** – 7/12/12 - The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) reports that it intends to sue a range of pork production companies citing "unreported releases of hazardous pollutant ammonia." However, peppered within its own news release on Wednesday are multiple references to gestation-sow stalls. <http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/-HSUS-to-sue-six-pork-production-companies-162117615.html>

**Radio Iowa - Humane Society threatens to sue 28 Iowa hog operations** - 7/12/12 - The Humane Society of the United States is threatening to sue 51 swine operations in Iowa, North Carolina and Oklahoma — 28 of those are here, in Iowa. Peter Brandt, an attorney for the Humane Society, argues the practice of confining large numbers pollutes the environment with ammonia. <http://www.radioiowa.com/2012/07/12/humane-society-threatens-to-sue-28-iowa-hog-operations/>

**The Daily Caller (blog) - Animal rights group to sue pork farmers over ... paperwork problems?** - 7/11/12 - The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) picked a fight with pig farmers Wednesday. But the National Pork Producers Council, a farmers' trade group, told The Daily Caller that the animal rights group was taking "alleg[ed] ... paperwork violations" and weaving them into a made-up environmental disaster.

<http://dailycaller.com/2012/07/11/animal-rights-group-to-sue-pork-farmers-over-paperwork-violations/>

**NPR - U.S. Pig And Cattle Producers Trying To Crush Egg Bill** - 7/12/12 - Remember our reports a few months ago on the odd couple who struck an innovative compromise between egg producers and animal welfare activists? Well, that deal seems to be in trouble. It's running into a fierce counterattack from America's hog and beef producers.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/thesalt/2012/07/10/156551903/pig-and-cattle-producers-trying-to-crush-egg-bill>

**Meat & Poultry - NPPC claims HSUS action another 'scare tactic'** - 7/12/12 - The National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) said recent legal action taken by The Humane Society of the United States is another "scare tactic" aimed at forcing NPPC to back off its opposition to the activist group's Egg Bill and its campaign against gestation crates.

<http://www.meatpoultry.com/News/News%20Home/Business/2012/7/NPPC%20claims%20HSUS%20action%20another%20scare%20tactic.aspx>

**Meat & Poultry - HSUS suing 51 pig confinement facilities for polluting air** - 7/12/12 - The Humane Society of the United States plans to sue 51 intensive pig confinement operations for what it claims were unreported releases of the hazardous pollutant ammonia. This move comes after months of HSUS research into an industry it said has become heavily consolidated in recent years.

<http://www.meatpoultry.com/News/News%20Home/Business/2012/7/HSUS%20suing%2051%20pig%20confinement%20facilities%20for%20polluting%20air.aspx>

**Mason City Globe Gazette (Iowa) - Humane Society of U.S. will sue hog operations in Wright, Hardin, Mitchell counties** - The Humane Society of the United States says it plans to sue 51 hog confinement operations in Iowa, North Carolina and Oklahoma. Included in the Iowa operations are some owned by Austin "Jack" DeCoster in Dows, Clarion and Kanawha; and some owned by Iowa Select in Riceville and Ackley.

[http://globegazette.com/news/local/humane-society-of-u-s-will-sue-hog-operations-in/article\\_d0f61fc2-cb75-11e1-b6aa-0019bb2963f4.html](http://globegazette.com/news/local/humane-society-of-u-s-will-sue-hog-operations-in/article_d0f61fc2-cb75-11e1-b6aa-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Feedstuffs - HSUS sends notices of plans to sue 51 pork producers** - 7/11/12 - The Humane Society of the United States gave notice that it plans to file lawsuits against 51 large-scale pork producers. EPA is itself still evaluating air emissions data from livestock and poultry operations to develop "a better understanding" of emission rates.

<http://www.feedstuffs.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=F4D1A9DFCD974EAD8CD5205E15C1CB42&nm=Daily+News&type=news&mod=News&mid=A3D60400B4204079A76C4B1B129CB433&tier=3&nid=7EE23998CEC04185AB830BC2779EEB1B>

**North Platte Telegraph (Neb.) - EPA fines Broken Bow feedlot for contaminating an area creek** - A feedlot south of Broken Bow has agreed to pay EPA \$145,000 for contaminating a nearby creek with wastewater. It's the second time in a year the facility has been fined for the pollution - it also got into trouble with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality.

[http://www.nptelegraph.com/news/epa-fines-broken-bow-feedlot-for-contaminating-an-area-creek/article\\_0f6bf654-f99c-5f76-8e68-eb93350e9a05.html](http://www.nptelegraph.com/news/epa-fines-broken-bow-feedlot-for-contaminating-an-area-creek/article_0f6bf654-f99c-5f76-8e68-eb93350e9a05.html)

**CSP.net - Zarco 66 First in U.S. to Offer E15** - 7/12/12 - The nation's first E15 (15% ethanol, 85% gasoline) gallons are now selling at the Zarco 66 station in Lawrence, Kansas. Plans to offer E15 at the nation's second retail station, the Zarco 66 in Ottawa, Kansas, are nearly complete with an announcement coming soon. <http://www.cspnet.com/news/fuels/articles/zarco-66-first-us-offer-e15>

**Des Moines Register - Iowa corn under siege from heat, drought** - 7/12/12 - Heat and drought will cut

the nation's corn crop by 12 percent from planting-season predictions, the USDA reported Wednesday — news that's a double-edged sword for Iowa's economy.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120712/BUSINESS/307120047/iowa-corn-prices-under-siege-from-heat-drought>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - EPA grant supports job training at St. Louis Community College -**

7/11/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$181,638 to St. Louis Community College for drinking water job training.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/epa-grant-supports-job-training-at-st-louis-community-college/article\\_22db1cb6-cb8f-11e1-83a3-001a4bcf6878.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/education/epa-grant-supports-job-training-at-st-louis-community-college/article_22db1cb6-cb8f-11e1-83a3-001a4bcf6878.html)

**Des Moines Register - Another view: Economy, environment can benefit each other - 7/12/12 -**

Written by Howard A. Learner - We are achieving job creation, economic growth and better environmental quality together. That's what the public wants and it's happening.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120712/OPINION01/307120073/1035/>

**Associated Press - Texas judge rules atmosphere, air is public trust - 7/11/12 -** A Texas judge has ruled that the atmosphere and air must be protected for public use, just like water, which could help attorneys tasked with arguing climate change lawsuits designed to force states to cut emissions.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/07/11/3701236/texas-judge-rules-atmosphere-air.html>

**Des Moines Register - Citizens group can be party in pollution case - 7/11/12 -** One of Iowa's biggest polluters has failed in its effort to block a citizens group from injecting itself into legal proceedings against the company. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20120712/NEWS01/307120041/1001/>

**Augusta Gazette (Kan.) - One-cent sales tax may be part of solution - 7/10/12 -** A city without a stable water supply won't be a city for long. Economic development, residential growth and public safety all hinge in part on a dependable water supply. The decision to run a new pipeline to El Dorado is an easy one. Funding that project is not as easy.

<http://www.augustagazette.com/topstories/x1245783167/One-cent-sales-tax-may-be-part-of-solution>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Warrenton to replace well pump to relieve water shortage - 7/12/12 -** City officials hope to end Warrenton's ban on nonessential water uses sometime next week after pumping equipment at one of the city's wells is replaced and upgraded.

[http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/stcharles/warrenton-to-replace-well-pump-to-relieve-water-shortage/article\\_b16c0d66-cb9c-11e1-91e9-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/stcharles/warrenton-to-replace-well-pump-to-relieve-water-shortage/article_b16c0d66-cb9c-11e1-91e9-0019bb30f31a.html)

**Associated Press - Wis. town barred from beefing up farm water rules - 7/12/12 -** The Wisconsin Supreme Court dealt a blow to environmentalists concerned about water pollution from huge livestock farms Wednesday, when it said communities couldn't set stricter standards than the state.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/07/11/3700262/wis-supreme-court-to-rule-in-factory.html>

**AOL Energy (blog) - Don't Ban Coal for Electricity Generation - 7/12/12 -** Don't ban coal for electricity generation. That was the plea from utility officials and state regulators trying to cope with the flood of regulations now coming out of EPA.

<http://energy.aol.com/2012/07/12/don-t-ban-coal-for-electricity-generation/>

**ClimateWire - Energy storage policy -- a necessity that is ramping up slowly - 7/7/12 -** Using energy storage to capture and mete out wind and solar power has immense potential but not enough financial upside for utilities to embrace currently, backers are saying.

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/rss/2012/07/12/8>

**NPR - Waste Not, Want Not: Town to Tap Sewers for Energy - 7/12/12 -** Officials in Brainerd, Minn., say the sewers below the city streets are a huge potential source of energy that could be used for heating and cooling. A local company has devised a system to capture the energy.

<http://www.npr.org/2012/07/12/156624237/waste-not-want-not-town-to-tap-sewers-for-energy?ft=1&f=102>

**Greenwire - Skeptic group takes aim at journalists** - 7/11/12 - A conservative group that has used public records requests in an attempt to publicize emails written by climate scientists has turned its attention to reporters who cover the environment. <http://www.eenews.net/public/Greenwire/2012/07/11/1>

**Fuel Fix - Potential loss of tax credit becalms wind industry** - 7/11/12 - The wind power industry, which has been one of the nation's fastest growing energy sectors, is facing layoffs and factory closings as a federal subsidy nears an end. <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/07/11/potential-loss-of-tax-credit-becalms-wind-industry/>

**JDSupra - A Thoughtful Discussion By Policy Makers of a Difficult Issue? How Refreshing!** - 7/12/12 - As I noted in May, EPA's recent proposed rule regarding backup generators would allow additional operations by such generators when used to assist in demand response. It's a tricky issue, because diesel generators are not clean. <http://www.jdsupra.com/legalnews/a-thoughtful-discussion-by-policy-makers-87366/>

**WaterWorld - \$181,638 Grant to St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, Mo., for Drinking Water Job Training** - 7/12/12 - EPA has awarded \$181,638 to St. Louis Community College (STLCC), St. Louis, Mo., for drinking water job training. <http://www.waterworld.com/news/2012/07/12/181-638-grant-to-st-louis-community-college-st-louis-mo-for-drinking-water-job-training.html>

**BNA - Research Foundation Analyzes Water Sector Trends** - 7/12/12 - The Water Research Foundation has published a report to help water utilities cope with change over the next two decades. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27294894&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6y1d1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27294894&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6y1d1&split=0)

**BNA - Presidential Campaign Surrogates Clash Over Approaches to Energy, Environment** - 7/12/12 - Surrogates for President Obama and presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney clashed July 11 over climate change and energy policies, including the wind energy tax credit, which Romney's representative said may have "outlived its usefulness." [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27294890&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6u5z1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27294890&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6u5z1&split=0)

**BNA - Military Has No Choice But to Adopt Alternative Fuel Sources, DOD Official Says** - 7/12/12 - The Defense Department is actively pursuing alternative fuels because it has no other choice, a department official said at an energy conference July 11. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27294884&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6p4n9&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27294884&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6p4n9&split=0)

**BNA - EPA Science Advisers Urge Agency to Feed Predictive Toxicity Data Into Risk Analyses** - 7/12/12 - The Environmental Protection Agency should use nontraditional toxicity tests and toxicity prediction tools to help assess the risks of chemicals, air pollutants, and other environmental exposures. [http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split\\_display.adp?fedfid=27294887&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6r7p1&split=0](http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=27294887&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0d3m6r7p1&split=0)

**Inside EPA - Activists Float 'Flexible' GHG Reduction Program For Existing Power Plants** - 7/12/12 - The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is floating a draft framework for how EPA could reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs) from existing power plants with "flexible" measures such as energy efficiency and emissions trading. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201207122404339/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/activists-float-flexible-ghg-reduction-program-for-existing-power-plants/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - States Seek MOU On EPA Utility Rules** - 7/11/12 - Top state environment and energy regulators want to coordinate their approaches to EPA air rules affecting the power sector, and will

attempt to draft a memorandum of understanding (MOU) formalizing their collaboration.

<http://insideepa.com/201207112404246/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/states-seek-mou-on-epa-utility-rules/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Lawsuit Seeks CAFO Emissions Rules** - 7/11/12 - A group of Iowa residents who live near a large hog farm are suing EPA to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) under the Clean Air Act.

<http://insideepa.com/201207112404213/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/lawsuit-seeks-cafo-emissions-rules/menu-id-97.html>

**Inside EPA - Bingaman Aide Downplays Need For Urgent Legislative Fixes To EPA RFS** - 7/11/12 - An aide to Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Chairman Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) is downplaying the need for urgent changes to EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS), saying that while there is a need to address "some kinks" in the program.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201207112404186/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/bingaman-aide-downplays-need-for-urgent-legislative-fixes-to-epa-rfs/menu-id-202.html>

**Inside EPA - Seeing Slow Pace, EPA Crafts Plan To Speed Issuance Of Risk Assessments** -

7/11/12 - EPA is acknowledging that its human health risk assessment program is not "fully" meeting the agency's needs, but the program has crafted a new five-year strategic plan that seeks to speed completion of the documents that are often the basis of agency decisions and regulations.

<http://insideepa.com/201207112404160/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/seeing-slow-pace-epa-crafts-plan-to-speed-issuance-of-risk-assessments/menu-id-95.html>

**Inside EPA - Clock Starts On Tailoring Rule Suits** - 7/11/12 - EPA is slated to publish in the July 12 Federal Register the third phase of its greenhouse gas (GHG) permit tailoring rule, triggering a 60-day clock to file suit over the rule that could draw a challenge from activists who criticized the agency for not lowering GHG permit thresholds.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/201207112404183/Clean-Energy-Report-Blog/Blogging-Clean-Energy/clock-starts-on-tailoring-rule-suits/menu-id-204.html>

**Inside EPA - Carbon Tax Backers Seek To Make Issue Safe For A Reluctant Congress** - 7/11/12 -

Proponents of a carbon tax from across the ideological spectrum are stepping up their efforts to enact such a fee as a component of a broader tax policy and budget deal.

<http://cleanenergyreport.com/Clean-Energy-General/Congress-Watch/carbon-tax-backers-seek-to-make-issue-safe-for-a-reluctant-congress/menu-id-782.html>

**Inside EPA - Reviewers Belatedly Question EPA's 'Likely' Cancer Listing For Dioxane** - 7/11/12 -

Experts reviewing EPA's draft assessment setting first-time inhalation risks for 1,4-dioxane, a ubiquitous Superfund contaminant, are questioning the agency's already final decision to set the chemical's listing to "likely human carcinogen."

<http://insideepa.com/201207122404329/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/reviewers-belatedly-question-epas-likely-cancer-listing-for-dioxane/menu-id-95.html>

## **Press Releases:**

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

**EPA Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Changes to List of Impaired Waters for Missouri –**

Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**EPA Seeks IDNR Action to Correct Deficiencies in Iowa's CAFO Permitting and Compliance Program –** Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

## **Fact Sheets:**

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>



None

### **Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:**

\* New additions noted with an asterisk

**7/13/12** - Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City Monthly Meeting, Kansas City, MO Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/16-18/12** – Budget Forum, Washington D.C. Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/19/12** – Tribal Caucus/EPA Joint Session, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brander, 7381

**7/24-26/12** – Lead Task Force Meeting and Site Tour, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Cecilia Tapia, 7733 and Julia Cacho, 7071

**7/27/12** – Environmental Conference at the Lake, Osage Beach, Mo. Contacts: Julia Cacho, 7071 and David Cozad, 7587

**7/27/12**- Lincoln University Water Boot Camp Certificate Ceremony, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Kris Lancaster, 7557 and Monica Espinosa, 7541

**9/10/12** – Bayer CropScience Community Advisory Panel, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Rich Hood, 7906

**11/19/12** – 2012 Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Conference, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: Karen Flournoy, 7782 and Julia Cacho, 7071

### **RA/Immediate Office**

**7/13/12** – Participate in urban waters grant announcement, Salina, Kan. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**7/16-17/12** - Attend Budget Forum, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**7/18/12** - Attend National Tribal Operations Council (NTOC), Washington, DC. Contacts: Dana Peters, 7444 and Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

**7/19/12** - Attend Spring EMC Meeting, Washington, DC Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

**8/13-17/12** - ORD Lead Region Transition Planning Meeting with Region 10, Corvallis, Ore. Contacts: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566 and Dana Peters, 7444

**9/11- 12/12** - Attend Hypoxia Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

**9/13/12** - Attend National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Josh Svaty, 7202

### **Other Events**

#### **AWMD**

**\*7/26/12** - Attending Missouri Air Conservation Commission public meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Amy Bhesania, 7147

**\*7/31/12** - Attending the Cooper Nuclear Plant exercise, Brownsville, Neb. Contact: Robert Dye, 7605

**\*8/1/12** - Attending Pollution Prevention Intern report-outs, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Marcus Rivas, 7669

**\*8/7/12** - Attending Pollution Prevention Intern report-outs, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Marcus Rivas, 7669

**\*8/7/12** - Giving presentation at the Oak Grove Neighborhood Association meeting, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Mark Smith, 7876

## **CNSL**

None

## **ECO/EJ**

**8/9/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**8/18/12** - Back to School Event at Brush Creek Community Center, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Michael Minor, 7539

**9/13/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

**10/11/12** - Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Mini-Series, Faith Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Kan. Contact: Tamara Freeman, 7094

## **ENSV**

**7/22-30/12** - ORD/U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) sampling event, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Brenda Groskinsky, 7188

**7/31 - 8/2/12** – Meeting with the incoming Lead Region Coordinators and the National Program Directors, Washington, DC. Contact: Tony Petruska, 7637

## **PLMG**

**\*7/17/12** - "Thinking Outside the Cube" Brownbag featuring GSA and OPM representatives, Region Office. Contact: Monica Espinosa, 7541

**\*8/1-2/12** - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks code audit workshops in Dallas Center, Woodward and Van Meter, Iowa. Contact David Doyle, 7667

**8/7-8/12** - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks workshop, Hays, Kan. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

**\*8/8/12** - Sustainable Communities Building Blocks code audit workshop in Hays, Kan. Contact David Doyle, 7667

## **RA/OPA**

**7/13/12** – Urban waters grant announcement, Salina, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

**7/17/12** - Public Meeting, Southwest Jefferson County Mining Superfund Site Proposed Plan, Jefferson County, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725



**\*7/17/12** - Senior Leadership Seminar for Amber Waves 2012 Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Beckie Himes, 7253, and David Bryan, 7433.

**\*7/18/12** - Table Top Exercise for Amber Waves 2012, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Beckie Himes, 7253, Ben Washburn, 7364.

**7/19/12** - Public Availability Session for the Pools Prairie Superfund Site, Neosho, Mo. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

**7/26/12** – Public Availability Session for the Iowa-Nebraska Light & Power Site in Norfolk, Neb. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364

## **SUPR**

**7/12-13/12** - Local Emergency Planning Committee Workshop and State Emergency Response Commission Meeting, York, Neb. Contact: Terri Blunk, 7013 and Jason Heitman, 7104

**\*7/17/12** - Senior Leadership Seminar for Amber Waves 2012 Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Robert Dye, 7605 and James Johnson, 7058

**\*7/17-18/12** Site visit and Restoration Advisory Board meeting, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Burlington, Iowa. Contact: Sandeep Mehta, 7763

**\*7/18/12** - Table Top Exercise for Amber Waves 2012, Kansas City, Mo. Contacts: Robert Dye, 7605 and James Johnson, 7058

**7/18/12** - Project team meeting and USACE open house at the Former Nebraska Ordnance Site, Mead, Neb. Contact: Ken Rapplean, 7769

## **WWPD**

**7/15-20/12** - American Federation of Government Employees annual conference, Silver Springs, Md. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

**7/18-20/12** - Kansas Corporation Commission Program Review, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159 and Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

**7/18-20/12** - 27th Annual Heartland Operators Conference presentation, Kearney, Neb. Contact: Robert Bryant, 7354

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